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To: Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission, Attention: David J. Harth

Re: Rule Petition 15-06, In the Matter of the Petition to Amend Wis. Stat. § 803.08 to Allocate a Portion of Unclaimed Class Action Awards to Support the Provision of Legal Services to Low Income and Indigent Persons

Dear Attorney Harth:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 15-06, which the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission filed on October 9, 2015. The court discussed this petition at open rules conference on December 4, 2015, and requested that I seek additional information about the rule proposal prior to scheduling a public hearing. Specifically, your response to the following issues or questions is sought at this time:

- Would this rule affect the substantive rights of individuals?
- Are there any known or potential opponents to the proposed amendment?

Please file your response by Friday, January 15, 2016, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, email a Microsoft Word version of your response to *clerk@wicourts.gov*.

Please note, the court may take any action on a rule petition it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Adopt the rule proposed, or a modified version, without further comment.
- (b) Reject the rule proposed without further comment.
- (c) Circulate the rule petition for comment without a public hearing.
- (d) Schedule the rule petition for public hearing.
- (e) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (f) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

You might wish to consult the court's website at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.htm> to follow this rule petition. Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office are posted on the website.

If you have specific questions regarding this request, please contact me at (608) 261-6642 or julie.rich@wicourts.gov.

Yours very truly,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Patience Drake Roggensack
Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson
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List of Interested Parties for Supreme Court Rules Matters

Badger State Sheriffs Association, Attention: Executive Director
Board of Bar Examiners
Chief Circuit Court Judges
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney
Circuit Court Judges
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney
Court of Appeals Judges
Dean Dietrich, Attorney
Diane M. Fremgen, Clerk of Supreme Court
Director of State Courts
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Legal Action of Wisconsin
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Kimberly Walker, Executive Director
Marquette Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney
Office of Lawyer Regulation, Attention: Keith Sellen, Director
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Brad D. Schimel
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State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: George Brown, Executive Director
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State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Ralph M. Cagle, President
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U.W. Law School, Attention: Margaret Raymond
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Lynn M. Stathas
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Robin Dalton
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: DeAngela Luna
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Alice Rudebusch
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Attorney John Knight
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Pam Radtke
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki, Executive Director
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Monte Weiss, Amicus Curiae Committee Chair
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Margaret Drees, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Sandra Grady, Exec. Secretary
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Micabil Diaz Martinez
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Kimberly Haas, Executive Director
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: April Southwick
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Joy Pecha
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Scott Letteney
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Executive Director
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association, Attention: Nancy Dowling
Wisconsin Sheriff & Deputy Sheriff Association, Attention: James I. Cardinal, Exec. Dir.
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Nancy Wettersten
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuensch
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Eugene White-fish, President

List of Additional Interested Parties – if any

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Marsha Mansfield, Member, Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission

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